

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know whether there are any lady conductors in the Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: No, Sir.

MR. T. C. KESAVA PILLAI: May I know the reason why nobody was selected from among the women?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Owing to the considerable unemployment among the male population in the State, it was deemed inadvisable to give employment to females. Usually males are regarded as the wage earners of their families and it was not considered reasonable to deprive them of the few opportunities which exist for employment.

MR. PADIYARA JOSEPH KUNJU: പുരുഷന്മാരോടൊപ്പം തന്നെ തൊഴിലില്ലാത്ത സ്ത്രീകളും ഈ രാജ്യത്തുണ്ടെന്നു മെംബറിനറിയാമോ?

MR. E. G. SALTER: I have no information.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: What is the minimum examination qualification required for the post of a conductor in the Transport Department?

MR. E. G. SALTER: Subject to what I have stated before, the applicant must have passed the E. S. L. C. Examination. But the Head of the Department reserves the right to employ others without this qualification whenever circumstances justify such a step.

Checking Inspectors of the State Transport Department.

11. ***MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Inspectors posted to check the State Transport service between Kottayam and Trivandrum;

(b) the salary paid to those Inspectors in Edavom 1116;

(c) the number of cases of irregularities which they reported to the Director of Transport for correction or punishment from 1st Chingom 1116 to end of Edavom 1116;

(d) the number of such cases which ended in the punishment of the person reported against;

(e) the number of such cases, if any, in which the reporting Inspector was warned or punished, and

(f) the number of times a through-passenger from Trivandrum to Kottayam has to show his ticket for inspection?

MR. E. G. SALTER: (a) 14.

(b) Rs. 615-15-12.

(c) 278

(d) 33

(e) 1

(f) Depends on the number of times the bus is checked by the Inspector.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: In answer to part (e) may I know the circumstances under which the Inspector concerned was warned?

MR. E. G. SALTER : The report submitted by the Inspector on that particular occasion was too inadequate to take any disciplinary action by the Department. He had omitted to furnish suitable evidence which is one of the fundamental duties of an Inspector. This together with his unsatisfactory past record was taken into account and he was severely warned and his increment was withheld for one year.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know the distance which an Inspector has to travel for checking work?

MR. E. G. SALTER : 16 miles is the average jurisdiction of each individual inspector for checking work.

*Maharani Sethu Parvati Bayi Memorial Stri Dharmalaya,
Trivandrum.*

12 *MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of grant-in-aid awarded by Government to the Maharani Sethu Parvati Bayi Memorial Stri Dharmalaya, Trivandrum; and

(b) the number of girl students belonging to backward communities who have been admitted to the institution at present?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (a) Rs. 750 per annum till the close of 1115 and Rs. 1000 for 1116.

(b) 32.

Accidents in the Alwaye-Munnar Road.

13. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN (Kunnathnad cum Parur): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a sharp curve and a bridge at the 23rd mile (at Kothamangalam) of the Alwaye-Munnar road;

(b) whether accidents usually take place there;

(c) whether any accident happened to the motor car of Mr. Balakrishna Rao, formerly Water Works Engineer; and

(d) whether any mishap occurred at the end of last Edavom of a Transport Bus sustaining damages through a collision?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : സാധാരണയായി ആക്സിഡൻ്റ് ഉണ്ടാകാറില്ലെങ്കിലും അടുത്ത രണ്ടു കൊല്ലത്തിനിടക്ക് ധാരാളം ആക്സിഡൻ്റ് ഉണ്ടായി എന്നറിയാമോ?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA KHAN BAHADUR G. S. ABDUL KARIM SAHIB SUHRAWARDY : Not that I know of excepting the two accidents already reported.